

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-6 have been amended to delete the "characterized in that" and "characterized by" language. In addition, the preamble of the independent claims has been amended to provide proper basis for the later recitations of the roof opening of the vehicle. Further, the recitation in the independent claims reciting that the guide rail is arranged in the roof opening has been changed to recites that the guide rail is arrangable in the roof opening. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

A substitute specification is also submitted to incorporate minor changes into the headings so that the headings are generally more consistent with U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced into the substitute specification.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the changes set forth in this Preliminary Amendment.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date: May 4, 2006

By: Matthew Schneider  
Matthew L. Schneider  
Registration No. 32,814

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620